

Cyngor Cymuned Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 30 October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn (Chair), Mererid Watson, Catrin Davies (County Councillor), Siôn Pennant, Nia Richards, Enoc Jenkins, Eryl Bray (via Zoom).

Clerk: Lynwen Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Bleddyn Huws, Nest Jenkins, Elgan Evans, Rhian Evans (Vice-Chair)

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25 September 2023

Proposed: Nia Richards; Seconded: Mererid Watson

Minutes of the previous meeting unanimously confirmed as correct.

5. Matters arising:

- i) Matters reported to the County Council via Clic:
 - a. Lighting by Cytringan: cost to be covered by Ceredigion C.C.
 - b. Salt bins: Siôn Pennant noted that a second bin was needed in Bont-goch.
Action – *Siôn to give details of location for the Clerk to order a new bin*
- ii) Noticeboards: the Clerk had contacted a locksmith, who had estimated a cost of £70 to open and replace the lock on the map board. It was resolved to go ahead with this.
Action – *Clerk to arrange*
- iii) Work in the cemetery: maintenance work had been carried out in the cemetery and the playgrounds.
- iv) Maintenance Contract: it was noted that the current contract ends in March 2025 not March 2024 as stated in the last meeting.
- v) Path through the cemetery: Eifio Jones had agreed to a site meeting on 8 or 9 November
Action – *Clerk to arrange as appropriate*
- vi) 40mph buffer zone to the south of Tal-y-bont: once the work at Tanffordd is completed, Tim Barnes to be contacted to request a buffer zone similar to that in Bow Street.

6. Section 6 – Biodiversity

The meeting with Welsh Water had been a success. It was explained that rainwater enters the sewage system diluting the materials entering the treatment works - this reduces the bacteria needed to break down the materials. Welsh Water would return to test various buildings to see where this occurs – local residents will need to volunteer their property for testing. It was noted that residents feared that they would need to pay to remedy any such problem. Welsh Water had noted that the problem could easily be solved in some cases e.g. by using water butts.

Catrin Davies and Eryl Bray had attended a workshop on flood prevention arranged by NRW. The water in both rivers was still being tested and remained clean, even though sewage was

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being released into the water further down towards the woods – from a pipe below the treatment works.

A successful session had been held to test the emergency plan (the use of flood gates). It was noted that the land where the sandbags are stored was being sold and that a new storage area was needed. Catrin Davies proposed the gable-end of the public toilets.

Nia Richards had been invited to attend a focus group with Dr Elizabeth Babcock in mid-November – a webinar on suitable places for nature.

Catrin Davies proposed that a community orchard could be created by planting trees in the cemeteries. She noted that the field behind the school would also be a suitable location. Nia to raise this at the focus group. On the table to be discussed at a later date.

7. New Matters

- i) Remembrance Sunday: Nest Jenkins would be doing the Welsh and English readings.
- ii) Christmas arrangements: Enoc Jenkins noted that he would be unable to get the tree this year, but that his brother, Dafydd, would do so instead. In order to save costs, it was proposed that a large tree be erected on the Green, with lights but no tree at the Memorial Hall. It was proposed that an event be held at 5pm on 7 December to switch on the lights. The councillors to provide food for the children.

Action – to be publicised through the school

- iii) Cwm Eleri Kiosk: the kiosk had been erected due to the lack of signal in the area, but had not been connected.

Action – Clerk to contact Nia Jones at the County Council

- iv) Speed limit through Bont-goch: the village did not currently meet the criteria for a lower speed limit, but WG would be developing new guidance in summer 2024.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated all relevant electronic correspondence to the Councillors during the month. The following correspondence was particularly noted:

- i. Gillian Jones had fallen in the cemetery. The Clerk had responded noting that the grass had since been strimmed.
- ii. Cliff Williams, pleased that the Council had agreed in principle to take responsibility for Nazareth cemetery. Nia Richards noted that arrangements were being made to erect a clear boundary fence.
- iii. Request from Anwen Pierce, Tirmynach Council, to share the cost of erecting the Christmas tree. It was noted that this work was done by local volunteers. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

9. Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered

10. Financial matters:

- i) Audit:
The appropriate documents had been submitted to the External Auditor.
- ii) The Council's current financial position:
The clerk had circulated the Council's current financial position prior to the meeting, as follows:
Current account: £11,868.32

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Deposit account: £4,820.86

Tabernacl account: £4,453.33

There was £2,137.22 in the Cae Bach fund (current account + petty cash).

iii) Income:

Final precept payment £5,333.33 (not included in the above balances)

iv) Invoices payable:

a. Clerk's expenses (postage) £4.20

Resolved unanimously to pay the above.

v) Online banking: the bank needed more information to set up an online account.

vi) Payments to Councillors: the Councillors present signed a letter stating that they would not accept any payments towards costs and expenses – the Clerk to request the remaining Councillors to sign the letter as soon as possible.

vii) Lighting between Brynhyfryd and the Ffald: although the County Council would pay for the light by Cytringan, the Community Council would have to pay for this new light. The residents would have to be asked re best location. The cost would be approx. £1,000. Resolved in principle to purchase the light. Proposed: Catrin Davies; Seconded: Enoc Jenkins.

viii) It was noted that money would need to be ringfenced for the maintenance of the defibrillators.

11. Playgrounds

i) Fundraising: the Bingo night had made raised £600 after paying all expenses. A *Quiz, Cheese and More* evening would be held on 23 November. The details had been discussed in a meeting of the Playgrounds Committee held on 24 October. Mid Wales Scaffolding had offered £300 to sponsor the evening. An evening in the company of Opera Aber to be held in January – a programme of film and television music. A business meeting of the Playgrounds Committee to be held on 4 December at 6.30pm. It was noted that it was too early to apply for grants until a business plan is developed.

ii) Monthly reports:

Bont-goch: still very wet underfoot. Siôn to discuss drainage with the appropriate individual.

12. Any Other Business

- i. Enoc Jenkins noted that motorbikes are being driven wildly across the mountains. Catrin Davies would be meeting the local PCSO by the school at 5pm on 1 November, and proposed the matter could be raised then.
- ii. Complaints had been received regarding the mud on the cycle path as a result of the Maesnewydd cattle crossing the road. To be reported via Clic.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Tal-y-bont Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

